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Questions

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Listed below are the PDR answers:

Question about the Provisional Ballot Final Report showing 33,885 ballots issued, 33,883 processed. What would account for the difference?

After numerous attempts to balance the 33,885 ballots issued from the 33,883 processed, it was concluded that the -2 discrepancy could not be determined.

Question about the 24 voter discrepancy between the Provisional Voter File and the DIMS report:

The 24,482 number includes the 24,458 voters we coded as POKs and credited, plus 6 voters we accidentally coded as AVPEN challenges, plus 19 voters whose ballots were sent directly from the Canvass Board to Ballot Processing and Distribution, minus 1 voter who was deleted from our system on December 15th because she actually had a Pierce County address.

Question about 166 voters did not get credit in DIMS until Nov. 26, the day AFTER the election was certified.

Voter Services typically runs a process after the election is certified to credit all provisional voters with the POK (Provisional OK). The process updates the Voter History table and the Voter table based on the flags (count_ballot, update_voter, and update_voter_history) within the Provisional Voter table. All the POK records should have these three flags checked. If some flags are not checked because of a data entry error, they will be updated with the Quality Control (QC) process. The Provisional Voter file exported from DIMS has 27,458 POK records. The 166 records have been updated within the QC process resulting in all three flags checked. The QC process needs to be completed before running the transferring voting history process (in the evening after the election is certified). The 27,482 records include POK (27,458, AVPEN (6), OTHER (19), and a voter record (-1) that had been deleted from the DIMS system on December 15, 2008 (voter_import_id = 830394 in the Provisional Voter Trans table).

Question about the 6 provisional ballots rejected with the AVPEN code:

These ballots were accidentally coded by one of our processors as AVPENS when they should have been coded as POKs. These ballots were tabulated but the voters were not credited with voting.

Question about the discrepancy between the 113 fatal pends on the report and the 111 fatal pends in the Provisional Voter File:

On December 18th we deleted 2 records because they were duplicates of existing records in our registration system. These two fatally pended voters had cast November provisional ballots which were challenged. When we deleted them from DIMS, we deleted them from the provisional voter file which explains the discrepancy.

Question about the 19 "Other" provisional ballots:

These ballots were sent by Poll Canvassing to the Canvass Board in order to determine whether they were acceptable or not. The Canvass Board determined these 19 were acceptable, but the ballots went from the Canvass Board directly to the Mail Ballot Processing and Delivery department, bypassing Voter Services.